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PUBLIC HEARING SET ON LIHEAP FEDERAL APPLICATION

WHAT: A public hearing to offer comments on Tennessee's Low Income Home Energy

Assistance Program (LIHEAP) federal application has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2012. The application, needed to draw down federal LIHEAP funds, and a federal supplement can be found on the DHS website at:

http://www.tennessee.gov/humanserv/adfam/afs_hea.html

WHEN: 9:00 a.m. (CST)

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

WHERE: DHS State Office, Citizens Plaza Building

400 Deaderick Street / 15th Floor Large Conference Room

Nashville, Tennessee 37243

MORE: The program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services. In addition to the income guidelines, eligibility for LIHEAP assistance is determined on a priority point system to target households with members who are elderly, disabled and/or under the age of six. LIHEAP assistance does not go directly to the client; rather direct payments are made through the LIHEAP agency to the local utility company or energy supplier.

Citizens must apply for the program through their local agency. Find agency contact information at http://tn.gov/humanserv/adfam/liheap/liheap-agencies.pdf

Public comments can be submitted through August 24, 2012 via e-mail to Rayshell.Poston@tn.gov or by fax to (615) 532-9956.

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